AVENGERS vs X-MEN

MARVEL

VS

ROUND 1

BENDIS
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MMXII

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AND THERE CAME A DAY, A DAY UNLIKE ANY OTHER, WHEN EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES FOUND THEMSELVES UNITED AGAINST A COMMON THREAT! ON THAT DAY, THE AVENGERS WERE BORN, TO FIGHT THE FOES NO SINGLE SUPER HERO COULD WITHSTAND!

AVENGERS VS.

CHILDREN OF THE ATOM. MUTANTS - FEARED AND HATED BY THE WORLD THEY HAVE SWORN TO PROTECT. THESE ARE THE STRANGEST HEROES OF ALL!

X-MEN

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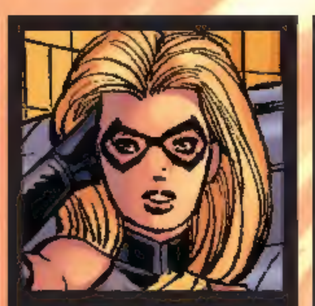
CAPTAIN AMERICA

IRON MAN

THOR

HAWKEYE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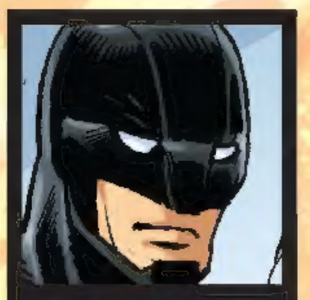
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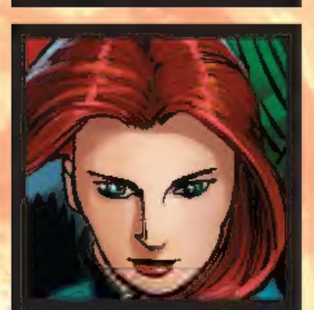
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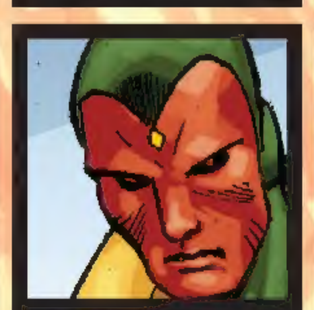
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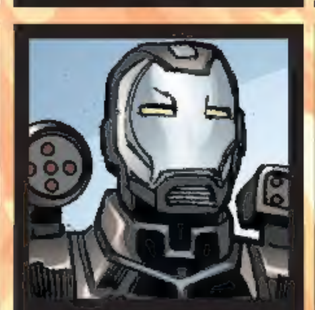
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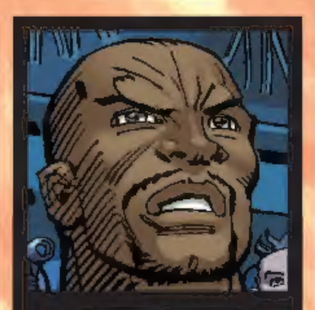
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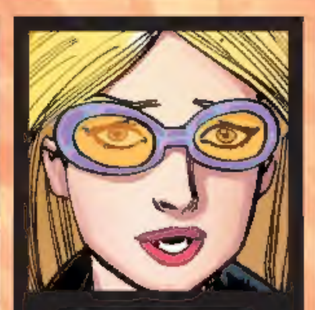
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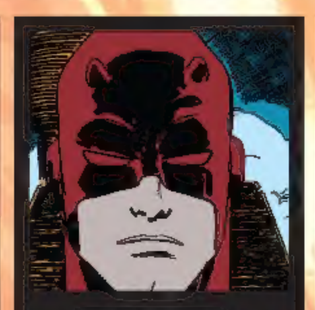
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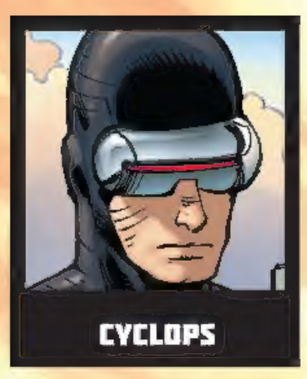
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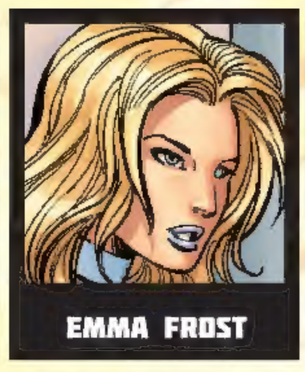
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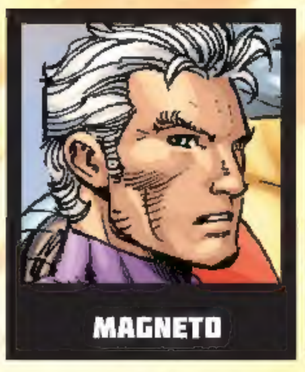
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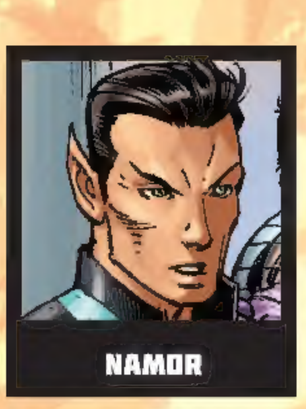
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STARK

YOU DON'T PUT A COUPLING DRIVE NEXT TO THE POWER SOURCE, NOH.

ALL DUE RESPECT, MR. STARK, DID YOU FORGET I'M A TECHNOLOGIES EXPERT FROM AN ADVANCED CIVILIZATION LIGHT YEARS AHEAD OF ANY--

NOT SURE WHAT I'M MORE ANNOYED ABOUT-- THAT YOU'RE BEING SO CONDESCENDING OR THAT YOU ARE--

HEY, GUYS. MS. MARVEL'S HERE.

PLEASE STOP FIGHTING.

WHAT'S GOING ON? NEVER MIND, DON'T CARE.

ARE WE HAVING AN AVENGERS MEETING OR--?

CAP, YOU'RE OUR LEADER. TELL PROTECTOR TO STOP TOUCHING MY STUFF.

PLAY NICE, TONY.

GUYS...WE GOT A THING HERE.

WHAT IS THAT?

INCOMING!

WHAT MADNESS?!

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

SKRAKTHOOM

MAKE SURE THE WING DOESN'T FALL INTO THE CITY, MY FRIEND.

I HAVE THIS.

ON IT, THOR.

GUYS, I COULD USE SOME BACK-UP--!

FATHER, GUIDE MY HAND.

TARGET IMPACT IMMINENT.

COME ON!!

FWOOSH

AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAGH!

GOT IT!

FOOM

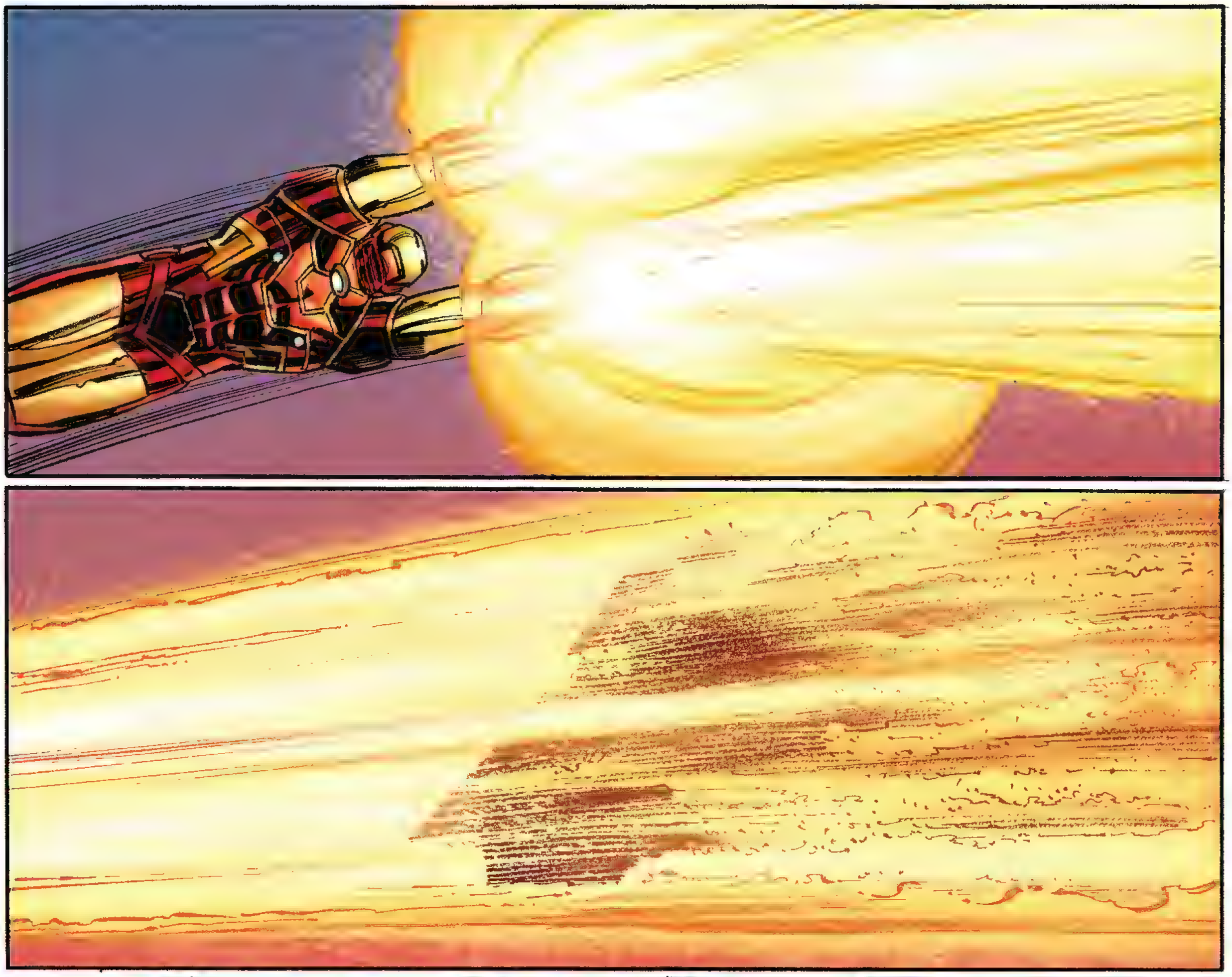
AAAAND YOU'RE WELCOME.

THOSE ARE OFFICIAL SPIDER-MAN SPIDER-WEBS, BY THE WAY.

NOT SOLD IN STORES.

WOW. THAT'S IT.

I'M MOVING. I'M DONE.



TONY, THIS IS CAP. WE'RE HEADED TO THE POINT OF IMPACT.

ROGER THAT.

NOVA!

GET A MEDICAL CREW OVER HERE NOW!

I THOUGHT HE DIED.

NOVA!

NOVA, IT'S STEVE ROGERS! CAN YOU *HEAR* ME?!

IT'S--

IT'S COMING.

"IT" WHAT?

THOR, COULD YOU DO US A FAVOR AND SEE IF ANYTHING IS FOLLOWING HIM?

NOTHING ON THE INTERSTELLAR RADAR.

UTOPIA.
ISLAND HOME OF THE X-MEN. OFF THE COAST OF SAN FRANCISCO.

AGAIN!

GET UP, HOPE.

WE'RE GOING AGAIN.

WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO BE TRAINING FOR, CYCLOPS?

FOR LIFE.

UP.

THIS TIME WITH POWERS.

ABSOLUTELY NOT.

YOU'RE NO DAMN FUN.

I'M TRAINING YOU TO BE BETTER THAN THAT.

BETTER THAN *MY BEST?*

YOUR POWERS DON'T DEFINE YOU.

THERE ARE HUMANS, RIGHT NOW, THERE ARE HUMANS THAT ARE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO TAKE YOUR MUTANT POWERS AWAY.

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO FIGHT THEM *THEN?*

IS THIS HOW PROFESSOR X TRAINED *YOU?*

ABSOLUTELY.

FSSHHAAMM

WHAT THE HELL, MAN?! YOU SAID NO POWERS.

I SAID NO POWERS FOR YOU!

AGAIN.

AGH!

CRACK

AOW!

WHACK

OWHAY!

THOK

AGAIN!

AGAIN!

HOW'S THE SHOW TODAY, MAGNETO?

YOUR MAN IS IN QUITE A MOOD, MS. FROST.

WELL, YOU WOULD KNOW BETTER THAN MOST: THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH TAKING YOUR TRAINING SERIOUSLY.

I *ALSO* KNOW, BETTER THAN MOST, THAT THERE'S *"TAKING IT SERIOUSLY"* AND THEN THERE'S *"COMPULSION."*

COME ON!

WHY ARE YOU *RIDING ME* SO HARD?!

I'VE BEEN TRAINING ALL MY *LIFE*--I'M *READY!*

AGAIN!

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO ME?

AGAIN!

ANSWER ME!

OKAY, WHAT WAS *THAT?*

YOU SAW THAT, RIGHT?

GOOD MORNING, MR. PRESIDENT.

CAPTAIN AMERICA, MISTER STARK...

WHAT DO YOU HAVE FOR US?

SINCE THE SKRULL INVASION YOU'VE ASKED TO BE KEPT ABREAST OF ANY INTERSTELLAR SITUATIONS THAT WE COME across.

LAST NIGHT, WE INTERCEPTED THE ARRIVAL OF A MEMBER OF THE INTERGALACTIC NOVA CORPS.

HE CAME WITH A RATHER VAGUE, YET ALARMING, WARNING AND THEN LAPSED INTO A COMA.

POTUS

ZULU

ALPHA

THE SCORCH MARKS AND WEAR AND TEAR ON HIS UNIFORM LEAD US TO BELIEVE HE SURVIVED A CONFLICT WITH AN IMMENSE ENERGY SOURCE.

WE HAD BOTH THOR AND TONY HERE DO PERSONAL AND SATELLITE INTERSTELLAR RECON--

WHAT WE FOUND WAS, WELL, DISTURBING.

WE DISCOVERED AN ENERGY SIGNATURE ON NOVA'S UNIFORM.

AND AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT, WE'VE ACTUALLY BEEN SEARCHING FOR THIS **EXACT** ENERGY SIGNATURE EVER SINCE THE JEAN GREY INCIDENT.

JEAN GREY OF THE X-MEN.

ONCE I LOCKED ON TO THE ENERGY SIGNATURE I WAS ABLE TO BACKTRACK NOVA'S ARC OF TRAVEL.

I HAVE RUN THE MATH ON THIS FIFTY DIFFERENT WAYS...

IT IS COMING HERE.

THE PHOENIX FORCE IS HEADED TOWARDS EARTH.

FOR THOSE IN THE ROOM UNFAMILIAR... IT'S A DESTRUCTIVE, PARASITIC FORCE OF COSMIC PROPORTIONS THAT LATCHES ON TO A BIOLOGICAL HOST--

IT THEN USES THAT VESSEL TO LAY WASTE TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

IF IT FINDS A HOST, ***WHEN*** IT FINDS ITS HOST--

WE NEED TO DEAL WITH THIS IMMEDIATELY.

WE ARE SENDING A TEAM OF AVENGERS TO TRY TO INTERCEPT AND DESTROY THE PHOENIX BEFORE IT GETS HERE.

WHILE IT'S TRUE THAT THERE IS A--

WE SHOULD BE CLEAR, THOUGH, IT'S A SUICIDE MISSION.

REET

OH MY GOD.

WHAT WAS THAT?

I SET PROGRAMS TO ALERT ME IF AN ENERGY SIGNATURE SIMILAR TO THE PHOENIX FORCE FLARES UP ANYWHERE ON THE GLOBE.

AND IT JUST DID.

YES.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE?

THE JEAN GREY SCHOOL FOR HIGHER LEARNING.

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ARE YOU SURE?

WE'RE SURE.

THE PHOENIX.

YOU WERE THERE WHEN THE PHOENIX FIRST CAME TO EARTH.

JEAN GREY DID EVERYTHING SHE COULD TO TRY TO CONTAIN IT BUT, EVENTUALLY, ALL SAID AND DONE... SHE HAD TO *KILL HERSELF* TO STOP IT.

KILL HERSELF.

AND IT DIDN'T EVEN WORK.

IT'S COMING TO EARTH. BUT WHERE?

I *KNOW* WHERE IT'S GOING.

EVERYONE IN THE *MUTANT COMMUNITY* KNOWS WHERE IT'S GOING.

THEN I NEED SCOTT SUMMERS TO WORK *WITH* US. I NEED THE X-MEN AND THE AVENGERS TO WORK--

THIS THING *KILLED* SUMMERS' GIRL AND WITH IT ANY CHANCE HE HAD AT *ANY* SORT OF HAPPINESS.

THIS THING'S COMING BACK? HE'S GOING TO HAVE AN AGENDA.

AND HE WON'T EVEN SEE IT THAT WAY.

I KNOW HIM. HE DON'T EXACTLY LET GO OF THINGS.

THEN CAN I COUNT ON YOU AND THE SCHOOL--?

I FOUNDED THIS SCHOOL TO KEEP THESE KIDS OUT OF THE FIGHTING.

CAN I COUNT ON *YOU*?

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING, SCOTT?

HE IS THINKING THAT HOPE AS THE PHOENIX MIGHT BE THE GAME-CHANGER FOR THE MUTANT PEOPLE.

IT COULD TURN THE TIDE.

HOW?

POWER.

TRUE POWER TO PUT THE WORLD BACK ON TRACK.

YOU'RE SOUNDING LIKE ME NOW, SCOTT.

WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR PEOPLE WAS--IT WAS UNNATURAL.

99% OF US STRIPPED OF OUR POWERS. FEWER THAN 200 OF OUR KIND LEFT.

WE'RE AN ENDANGERED SPECIES WHEN WE WERE SUPPOSED TO BE THE NEXT STEP OF HUMAN EVOLUTION.

THERE HAS TO BE-- THERE HAS TO BE A REASON THE PHOENIX KEEPS COMING BACK TO US.

HERE.

TO US.

LOOKING.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING.

WHY DOES IT KEEP COMING BACK TO *US?*

IT BRINGS WITH IT DEATH AND DESTRUCTION.

AND REBIRTH. ALWAYS REBIRTH.

THE LAST TIME WE DEALT WITH THE PHOENIX WE WERE YOUNG AND FOOLISH, PETER. NOW WE'RE--

STILL YOUNG AND FOOLISH.

WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE HER DO, SCOTT?

WE TRAIN HER. BODY AND MIND.

ALL OF US.

WE PREPARE HER.

WE CAN.

AND IF WE CAN'T?

WHAT IF THE PHOENIX IS NOT TO BE TRAINED?

SCOTT, IT'S UP TO HOPE.

IT'S UP TO HER.

HUH.

YOU'LL, UM, YOU'LL NEVER BELIEVE WHO JUST SHOWED UP.

WHAT IS CAPTAIN AMERICA *DOING* HERE?

YEAH, REALLY.

HE'S HERE FOR YOU, HOPE.

WHAT?

CAN YOU HEAR THEM, EMMA?

SCOTT CAN HANDLE IT, PETER.

STAY BACK HERE.

THERE'S NO NEED TO RAMP THIS UP.

I KNOW THE CAPTAIN BETTER THAN ALMOST ANYONE...

IF HE IS HERE, IT'S ALREADY, AS YOU SAY, RAMPED UP.

CYCLOPS.

CAP.

WE NEED TO TAKE HOPE INTO PROTECTIVE CUSTODY.

BECAUSE...?

THE PHOENIX FORCE IS COMING TO EARTH AND ALL OF OUR EXPERTS FEEL IT IS HEADED TOWARDS HER.

YOUR EXPERTS?

YOU MEAN WOLVERINE.

SCOTT, HE'S NOT LEAVING WITHOUT HER.

IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.

SHE'S A MUTANT.
THIS IS A MUTANT PROBLEM.
WE'LL HANDLE IT.
THIS ISN'T A MUTANT VERSUS HUMAN PROBLEM.
IF SHE *IS* THE PHOENIX'S VESSEL...
WE NEED TO TAKE CARE OF THIS.
ONE COULD ARGUE THAT THE PHOENIX COMING HERE... IN THE RIGHT VESSEL...
IS MAYBE MUTANTKIND'S LAST, BEST HOPE.
WHAT?
IT'S A FORCE OF REBIRTH, CAP.
BUT--
MAYBE THE REBIRTH OF MY PEOPLE.
I'M TOO CLOSE TO IT? YOU'RE TOO FAR *AWAY* FROM IT.
AS YOU *ALWAYS* HAVE BEEN.
FOR THE MUTANTS?
EXCEPT *NOW* WHEN YOU *NEED* SOMETHING.
IT OCCURS TO ME, SEEING YOU STANDING HERE, WHERE WERE YOU FOR US?
YOU'RE TOO CLOSE TO IT, SUMMERS.
LOGAN TOLD ME YOU'D HAVE ISSUES WITH ME COMING HERE. I WAS HOPING YOU AND I COULD COME TO AN UNDERSTANDING.
MAN TO MAN, LEADER TO LEADER...
I NEED YOU TO TRUST ME.

RESPECTING YOU.

YOU WANT TO HAVE THIS DISCUSSION? *FINE.*

BUT IT'LL HAVE TO WAIT FOR ANOTHER DAY.

THERE'S A DESTRUCTIVE FORCE HEADED TOWARDS EARTH AND WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO ***STOP*** IT.

RESPECTFULLY, GET THE HELL OFF MY ISLAND.

WHAT?

THE GAUNTLET HAS BEEN THROWN.

HE IS GOING TO FORCE ROGERS' HAND.

YOU DO UNDERSTAND I WASN'T ASKING.

I UNDERSTOOD THAT COMPLETELY.

SKRAZZKOOM

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE.

EMMA, GET HOPE!

PROTECT HER AT ALL COSTS!

SCOTT.

IT'S HER DECISION.

NOT ANYMORE!

TO BE CONTINUED IN TWO WEEKS...!

MARVEL COMICS

GREETINGS, TRUE BELIEVERS!

THE FOLLOWING STORY IS THE PREMIERE OF INFINITE COMICS, A NEW COMICS-READING EXPERIENCE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO BE READ DIGITALLY.

INFINITE COMICS ARE VERY SIMPLE. TAP THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE SCREEN TO MOVE FORWARD IN THE STORY AND TAP THE LEFT SIDE TO MOVE BACKWARD.

THAT'S IT! TAP THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE SCREEN AND ENJOY!

RECOMMENDED SETTINGS

TAP ANYWHERE ON THE SCREEN AND THE INFORMATION BARS ON THE TOP AND THE BOTTOM WILL APPEAR.

- GIVES YOU ANY INFORMATION YOU NEED.
- LETS YOU TO MOVE TO ANY PAGE OF THE STORY.
- SHOWS SETTINGS OPTIONS.
- GIVES YOU HELP, SHOULD YOU NEED IT.

WE HAVE SOME SETTINGS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HOW TO BEST ENJOY THE STORY.

- MAKE SURE ANIMATE TRANSITIONS IS TURNED ON.
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- SELECT DEFAULT LETTERBOXING.
- TURN BOTH SHOW PAGE ON ENTER AND SHOW PAGE ON EXIT TO OFF.

IF YOU'RE READING THIS ON A WEB APP, YOU CAN FIND THE GUIDED VIEW SETTING IN THE MENU BAR ALONG WITH OTHER SETTINGS.

ARE YOU READY?

FOR THE FUTURE OF COMICS

AT YOUR FINGERTIPS?

ENJOY IT WHILE YOU STILL CAN.

MARVEL

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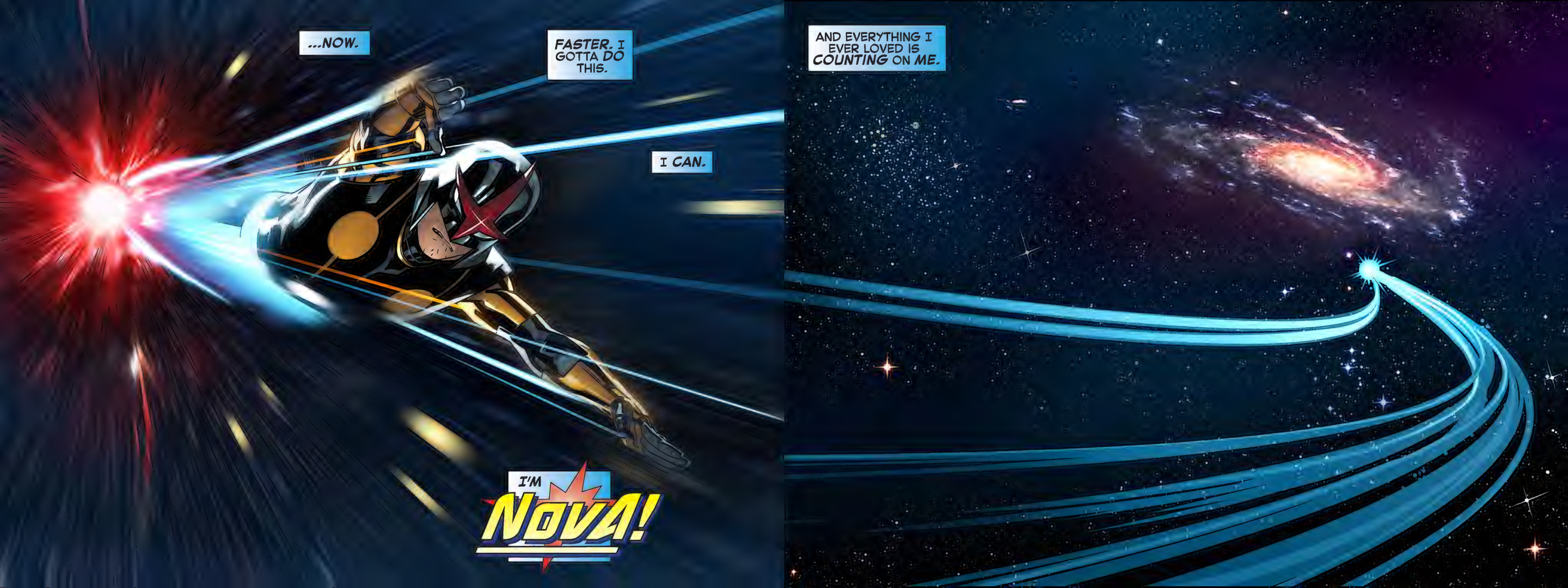
ALL THAT DISTANCE.

LIGHT YEARS.
PARSECS.

SUCH A LONG WAY *HOME*, AND I NEED TO BE THERE...

...NOW.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FASTER. I GOTTA DO THIS.
I CAN.
I'M NOVA!
AND EVERYTHING I EVER LOVED IS COUNTING ON ME.

AND EVERYTHING I EVER LOVED IS *COUNTING* ON *ME.*

MY FRIENDS.

MY FAMILY. SOME OF THEM. I MEAN, I *LOVE* THEM, EVEN *DAD*...I MEAN...I...

...WHAT *ELSE* DO I LOVE? SPORTSCENTER.

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EVERYTHING.

I LOVE *EVERYTHING* ON *EARTH* AND *PLEASE* DON'T YOU TAKE IT FROM ME.

CAN'T STOP.
CAN'T *FIGHT.*

IT'S RIGHT
BEHIND ME--

CAN'T STOP. CAN'T *FIGHT.*

IT'S RIGHT *BEHIND* ME--

--DEVOURING EVERY PLANET IN ITS *PATH.*

MY ONLY JOB'S TO *SURVIVE*, KEEP *MOVING*, GET THERE *FIRST*, AND WARN *EARTH'S MIGHTIEST*--

--THAT THE *PHOENIX* IS COMING.

PAUL REVERE RODE ALL NIGHT. I HAVE NO IDEA HOW LONG I'VE BEEN RIDING.

FIVE MINUTES? FIVE WEEKS?

AT HYPERSPEED, THE ANSWER IS FREAKIER THAN THE QUESTION.

BECAUSE THE ANSWER'S BOTH.

I'VE BEEN FLYING FIVE MINUTES. I'VE BEEN FLYING FIVE WEEKS.

THE *HELMET* I WEAR FEEDS INFO RIGHT IN TO MY *BRAIN.* AND IT *FORCES* ME TO *MULTITASK.*

THANKS TO *IT,* MY MIND SIMULTANEOUSLY *SLOWS DOWN* SO I CAN *REACT--* DODGE ASTEROIDS AND *SUNS--*

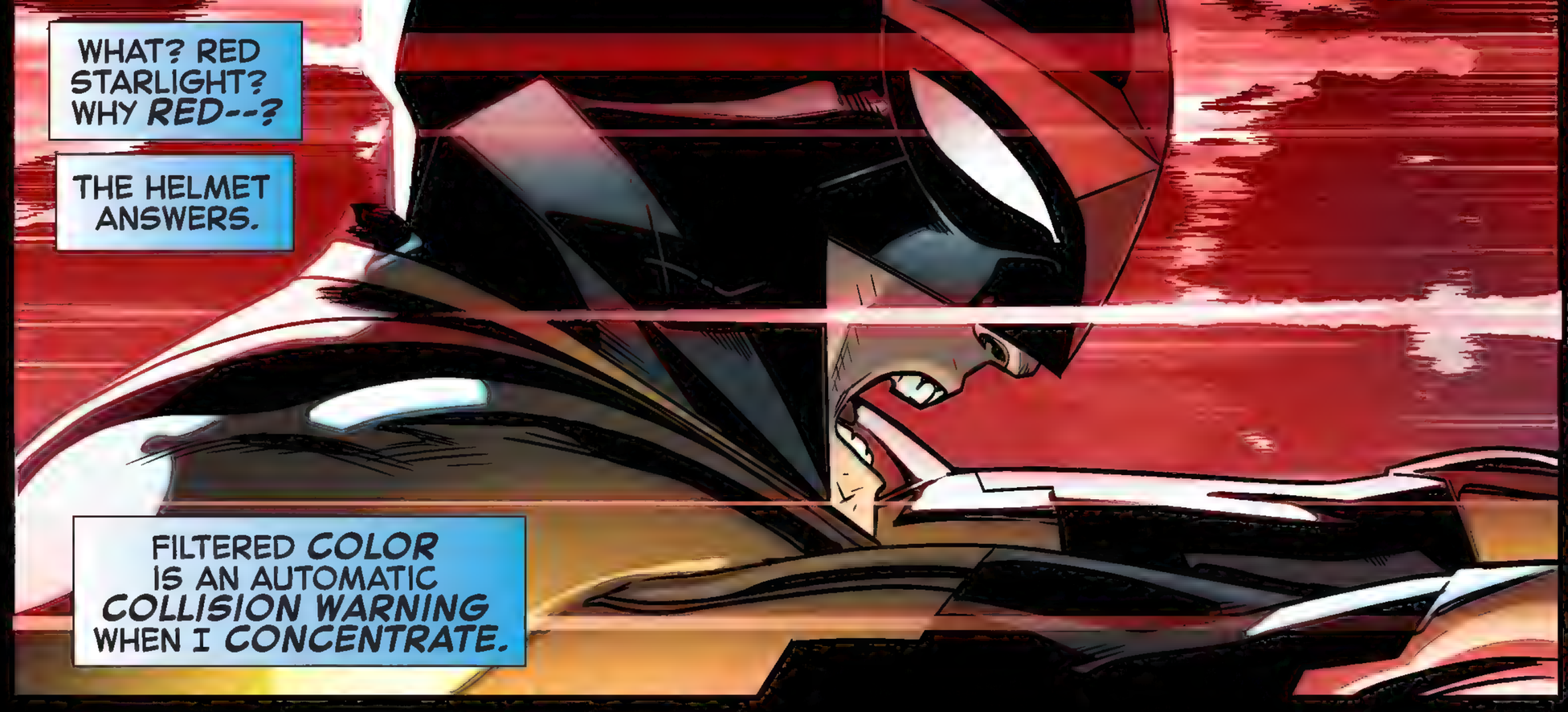
--AND *SPEEDS UP* SO THE SECONDS *BETWEEN* 'EM DON'T DRAG LIKE *YEARS.*

ONE BRAIN DIVIDED BY TWO RATES OF VEL...

...VEL...OCITY.

SO HARD NOT TO *LOSE* IT...! IMAGINE *DAYS* OF SEEING SOMETHING DIFFERENT OUT OF EACH EYE--

--WITHOUT MELTING *DOWN* WHILE YOU TRY TO PROCESS THEM AT THE *SAME TIME.*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OR, AS I CALL IT, *HOME.*

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MY MIND'S PRE-PROGRAMMED TO *DECELERATE...*

...AND *REINTEGRATE...*

...ONCE THE *HELMET* SENSES EARTH'S *"UNIQUE GRAVITY SIGNATURE."*

NOW IF *ONLY MY BRAIN WOULD CATCH UP TO MY HELMET...!*

I'M TOO *NEW* AT THIS.

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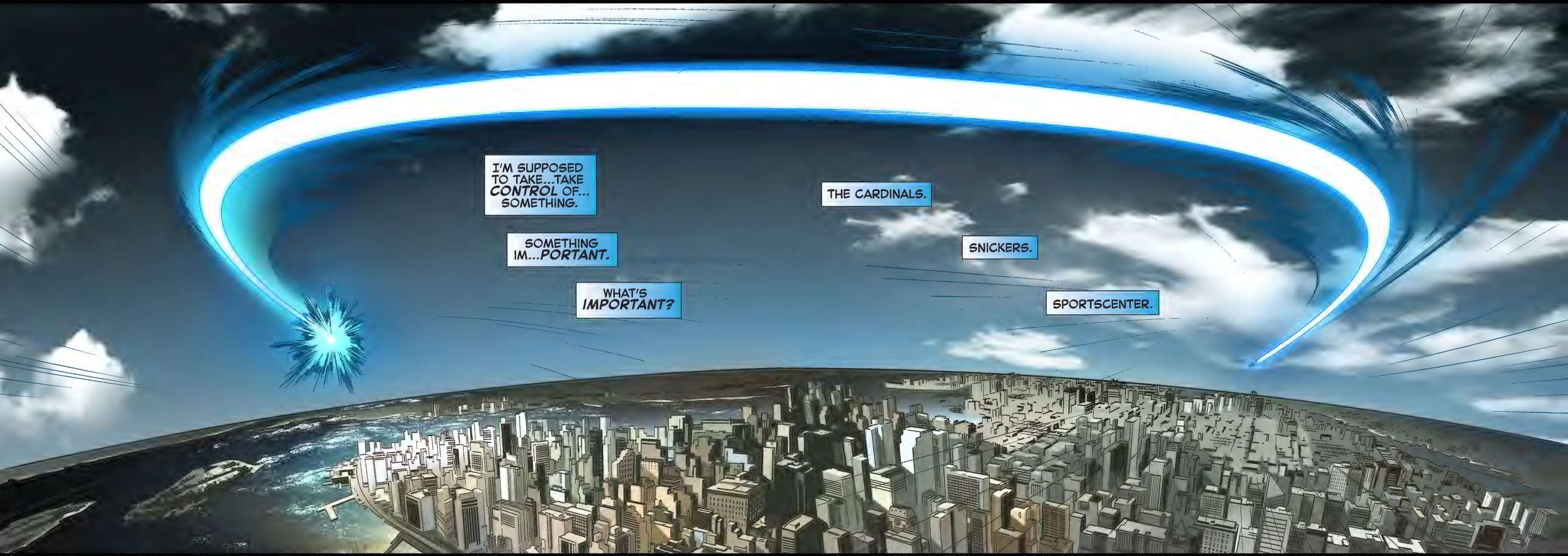
FOCUS.

LISTEN TO THE *HELMET.*

THERE'S A... THING TO DO. A THING I KNOW.


I'M SUPPOSED TO TAKE...TAKE CONTROL OF... SOMETHING.
SOMETHING IM...PORTANT.
WHAT'S IMPORTANT?
THE CARDINALS.
SNICKERS.
SPORTSCENTER.

NO. NOT THAT. DON'T LOSE IT.

THINK. THINK. TH--

¡ON--

--NO!

HELMET *SCREAMING* WANTS ME TO *LAND* BUT--

COPTER RIGHT IN MY *PATH* CAN'T IT *SEE*--

THEY'LL *DIE*--

DIE LIKE THE *CHRYSLER* JUST--

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I'M TRYING BUT--

BRAIN WON'T *FOCUS*--

SCREAMING NOISE--

SAYING YOU CAN SAVE THEM--

UNLESS YOU LET YOURSELF *SEE*--

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--RED.

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--RED.

--RED.

RED *STOP.*

RED *CONTROL.*

--LONG ENOUGH TO *SWERVE.*

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ALL I CAN PRAY IS THAT WHEN GOD RACKS UP THE OVERALL *TALLY*, THE PEOPLE IN THE *COPTER* WILL *COUNT* FOR ME...

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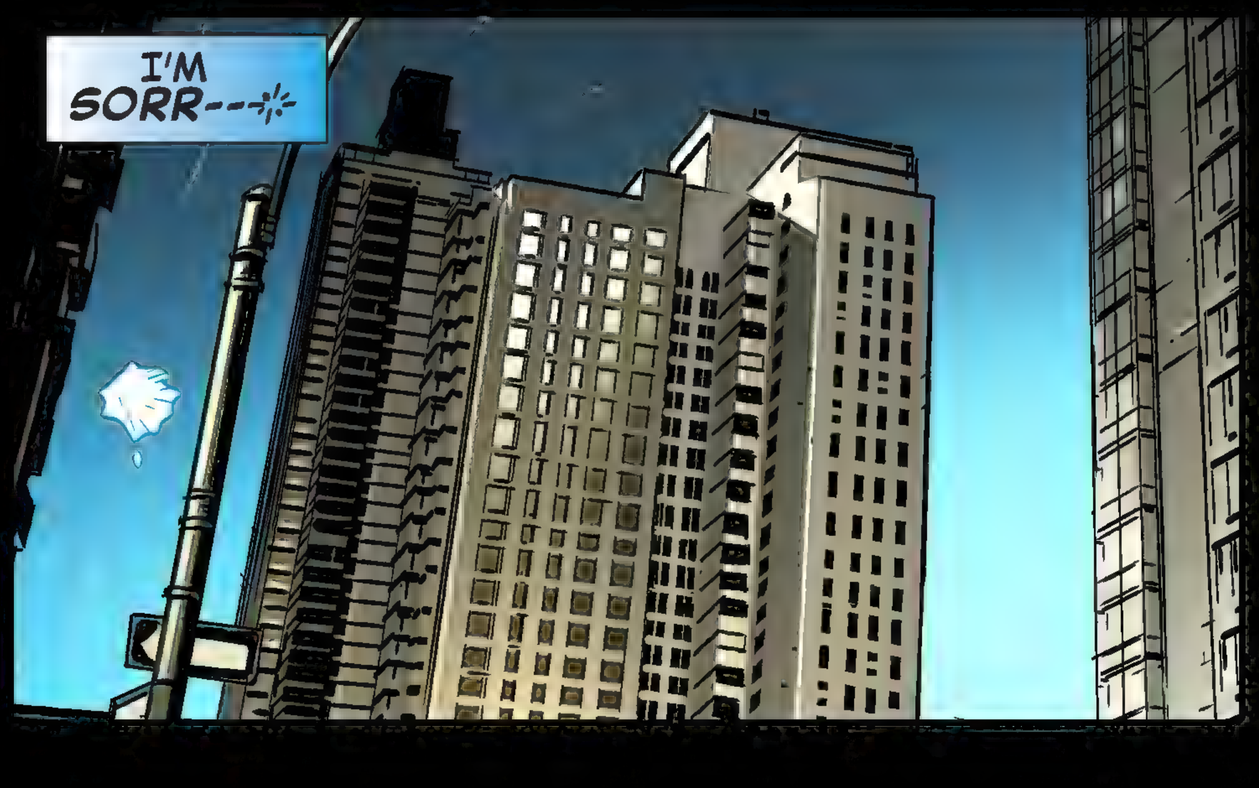
...AGAINST THE ONES I DIDN'T HAVE THE STRENGTH TO *AVOID*.


I'M SORR---

STARS

BLUE

AND RED

CARDINALS

THIRSTY

WAIT

NOT

STARS

OH, MY GOD
IT'S *HIM*...

...CAPTAIN...

NOVA!

GET A MEDICAL CREW OVER HERE NOW!

I THOUGHT HE *DIED.*

IF HE LIVES THROUGH *THIS,* HE'LL *WISH* HE HAD.

AND WE KNOW THIS BECAUSE...

LOSE THE ATTITUDE. NOVA WAS FALLING, NOT ATTACKING.

...BECAUSE MY TRACKING SCAN REGISTERED A SWERVE AROUND A TRAFFIC CHOPPER. THIS WASN'T AN ATTACK.

NOVA! NOVA, IT'S *STEVE ROGERS!*

CAN YOU *HEAR* ME, SON? CAN YOU *SPEAK--?*

HAWKEYE
AFFILIATION: AVENGERS

MS. MARVEL
AFFILIATION: AVENGERS

IRON MAN
AFFILIATION: AVENGERS

CAPTAIN AMERICA
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IT'S--

IT'S COMING.

WHAT? NOVA, *WHAT'S* COMING?

DID SOMETHING *FOLLOW* HIM?

JUST *TELL* HIM. *PHOENIX.*

MOUTH...WON'T *MOVE.* CAN'T... STAY *CONSCIOUS.* *NO.*

NOTHING ON THE INTERSTELLAR RADAR, CAP.

YOU CAN'T BE TAKEN TO A *HOSPITAL.*

YOU CAN'T LET THEM TAKE THE HELMET *OFF.*

NOVA!

IT'S...

...COMING...

HE'S BARELY BREATHING. WHAT THE HELL WAS HE TRYING TO SAY?

NOVA, FOR GOD'S SAKE--WHAT WERE YOU WARNING US ABOUT?

WHAT'S COMING?

TO BE CONTINUED IN AVENGERS VS. X-MEN!